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From the Desk of Editor-in-Chief

"When there is (right) Information, there is Enlightenment" - Atifete Jahjaga

Nepal Library Association (NLA) is pleased to bring out this second annual issue of ACCESS, A Peer-reviewed International Journal, Vol. II. It got delayed by two months but nevertheless we are immensely happy because NLA had spared its time & expertise in editing and publishing yet another landmark tool "नेपाली विषयशीर्धकहरूको सूची" i.e. 'List of Nepali Subject Headings' for the first time in Nepal which was envisioned and compiled by our veteran librarians Mrs. Bina Vaidya and Mrs. Gita Giri Thapa.

The overwhelming support both from home and abroad for this ACCESS journal 'the only one of its kind journal in Nepal' was really fascinating! As mentioned in our previous i.e. first issue, the sole purpose behind the publication of this journal is to gather and disseminate information about contemporary and relevant developments happening worldwide in the field of LIS. The first / previous issue had contained altogether 17 articles, and this time we received 25 articles, out of which 2 were rejected and only 23 articles have been entertained. Among these 23 articles, 14 articles are from abroad and the rest 9 are from within the homeland. And again, out of 23 articles, some are research articles and a very few are institutional articles because we thought it proper to publish these articles to let our valued readers get glimpses of what the writers in their respective fields are to expound on certain 'need-to-know things' of their respective National and International organizations they are associated with.

This time too, we are honoured to have articles from eminent writers as well as the heads of famous International organizations, viz. IFLA and ISSN. Almost all the articles went through a double-blind peer-review process followed by their respective authors' revision and the articles were checked against plagiarism too. We have tried to maintain the transparency of publication processes as per the Journal Publishing Practices and Standards (JPPS) framework established by African Journals Online (AJOL) and International Networks of Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP). Right from the first issue, this journal has been indexed in the NepJOL database portal (www.nepjol.info) to give it worldwide visibility and accessibility. In addition, it has been uploaded onto the NLA's website (www.nla.org.np) too.

I am grateful to all the contributors and the panel of eminent reviewers, who, despite their busy schedules, managed their time to write / review the articles they were assigned with. I feel honored and privileged to thank all the editorial team members for their commitments and contribution. Similarly, I am grateful to all the advisory board members for giving consent to be on the advisory board panel and advising me a lot whenever I sought help. I am equally thankful to the staff of T.U. Central Library and Nepal National Library for the necessary help extended to us in enhancing the journal's quality and making it online visible and accessible.

Similarly, I am equally grateful to all my beloved professionals who remained invisible but were constantly backing me up in materializing this journal. Once again, on behalf of Nepal Library Association and on my own, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the persons involved in bringing out this journal.

Lastly, I wish to be assured of honest feedback from our valued readers and all the concerned to make it even better in the next issue. Thank you.

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